



St John's Stonefold Primary School Newsletter

Friday 5 December 2025



At St John's Stonefold Primary School, we reflect many Christian Values. We also focus on our 'Core Values' of ***Empathy, Aspiration, Generosity, Love and Endurance***.

Our School Motto is based on Ephesians 3: 17-19,
'Rooted and Established in God's Love: Nurture, Grow, Fly'

Dear Parents/Carers

I hope this newsletter finds you well as we embrace the festive spirit here at St John's Stonefold Primary School. This week has been filled with excitement and community spirit that I'm delighted to share with you.

Our school has been transformed into a winter wonderland, with Christmas decorations bringing joy and cheer to every corridor and classroom. A special thanks goes to Oswaldtwistle Mills for their generous donation of a beautiful real Christmas tree, which has become the centrepiece of our festive celebrations. The children have been absolutely delighted by the magical atmosphere, and their enthusiasm is truly heartwarming.



We continue to prioritise the well-being of our school community, and I'm pleased to report that our monthly school nurse drop-in session took place on Wednesday. These sessions provide a valuable opportunity for parents to discuss any worries or concerns they may have, ensuring we support our families in the best way possible.

There's been a small operational update I wanted to share. A water pipe burst under the school field on Wednesday, which has since been repaired. I kindly ask that everyone stays off the part of the field that was excavated until we give further notice.

Looking ahead, I'm excited to invite you to our upcoming Carol and Christingle Service. This special event will take place at St James' Church in Haslingden on Monday, 8th December at 6pm. Our children have been working hard, learning traditional carols and mixing in some festive songs. They're truly looking forward to sharing their musical talents, and we would love for you to join us and celebrate the spirit of the season.

All are welcome to attend this heartwarming event and support our wonderful children.

Mr P Burns
Headteacher

Mr D Martin
Deputy Head



HEALTHY LUNCH BOXES: Please can we also ask that packed lunches contain healthy elements for our children to have the necessary vitamins they need to be able to concentrate throughout the day. We have become very concerned of late that lunches appear to contain crisps, chocolate, haribo sweets, pastries, cakes, biscuits, etc which are not healthy choices and will not give the children the energy levels they will need to last throughout the afternoon. We would expect to see

COLOURFUL lunch boxes with fruit and vegetables – please see the guidance below from the NHS:
<https://www.nhs.uk/healthier-families/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes/>



TIES –If anyone needs a spare tie or loses a tie – ties are on sale in the office. The price is as follows:

Elastic Ties = £3.99 (recommended for KS1)

Clip on Ties = £4.99 (recommended for KS2)

HONEY POTS

Please can you return your used (washed out) Honey jars to school for next years harvest. Thank you!



FOODBANK -We have a foodbank collection point in the front entrance, please do make donations as you are able, these will be collected and distributed via St James' Church. If you are struggling at all with the cost of living and providing food at home, please get in touch – we are able to refer our parents to the foodbank.



SCHOOL ADMISSIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 2026

School admissions are now open for children due to start primary or secondary school in **September 2026** at: <https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/apply-for-a-school-place/>

Closing dates are: Primary School – 15th January 2026

| CLASSES | SOAR AT STONEFOLD (Do Your Best/Respect Others/Make Good Choices/Be Thankful) | The School's Attendance Target is 96% |
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| EAGLETS | Betty & Ethan | 100% |
| AVOCET | Harris & Oscar | 97.31% |
| GOLDCREST | Livia-Beth & Halle | 96.97% |
| LAPWING | Lydia & Kelsea | 92.7% |
| EAGLE | Ellis & Georgia | 94.29% |
| This week's Value Award – Quality: ENDURANCE | | |
| EAGLETS | Isaac has shown our school value this week of endurance by not stopping and keeping on going within his learning even if sometimes it's tricky. | |
| AVOCET | Jacob is showing such endurance in all his learning. He is striving to keep pushing himself to share his ideas, complete his maths challenges and join in with classroom activities. We are so proud of how much effort you are putting in, keep it up! | |
| GOLDCREST | Charlie - for being relied upon for showing endurance and trying her best in all of her lessons. She gets on with things even if she finds things hard and takes care and shows great pride in what she does. | |
| LAPWING | Thea has shown amazing endurance with her Maths work this week. We have covered fractions and mainly looked at comparing fractions with different denominators. At times, there can be lots of steps to these questions and it can be really hard! That has not stopped Thea giving her best at every opportunity and always wanting to learn and showing a great attitude. Well done Thea. | |
| EAGLE | Jude, your amazing attitude to learning this week has been phenomenal! There has been no stopping you! We are so proud of you! Well done! | |

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| Team Points Winner this week | OAK |
| Class Attendance Winners this week | EAGLETS |



Christmas Services

All Welcome

At St James'

Christingle Party 3.30pm 20th December

9 Lessons and Carols 3pm 21st December

Crib Blessing 4pm Christmas Eve

Christmas Day 10am 25th December

At St Thomas'

Fun Family Carol Service 3pm 23 December

Family Christingle 6pm Christmas Eve

Midnight Mass 11.30pm Christmas Eve

Joint Service 10am Sunday 28th December



ACTIVITIES

FOOD

MUSIC



CHRISTINGLE PARTY

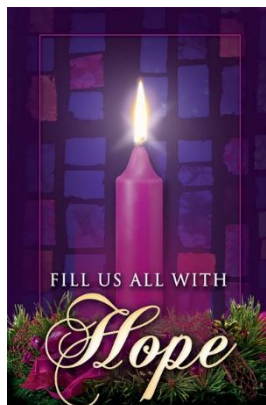
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Saturday 20th December

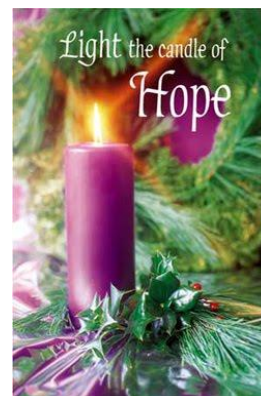
St James' Church
Haslingden



Time for Reflection



Heavenly Father,
As we light the first candle of Advent,
We welcome the hope of Your promise.
May this light remind us of Your presence in our lives
And ignite a steadfast trust in Your love.
Guide us in this season of waiting,
filling our hearts with anticipation and peace,
as we look toward the coming of our Saviour,
Jesus Christ.



Amen

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

| Dates | Time | Event |
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| Monday 8 December | 6.00 pm | Carols & Christingle at St James Church Haslingden – You are welcome to bring your children and family! |
| Wednesday 10 December | Lunchtime | CHRISTMAS DINNER IN SCHOOL |
| Friday 12 December | 2.30 pm | CHRISTMAS FAIR – more information to follow |
| Tuesday 16 December | 9.00 am 4.00 pm | EAGLETS NATIVITY SHOW – no tickets required |
| Tuesday 16 December | 2.00 pm 6.00 pm | YEAR 1 AND YEAR 2 NATIVITY SHOW – TICKETS REQ'D LETTERS SENT OUT TO PARENTS – PLEASE RETURN! |
| THURSDAY 18 December | 1.30 pm | LAST DAY FINISH EARLY FOR XMAS BREAK |
| PLEASE NOTE THAT NEW DATES MAY BE ADDED TO THIS LIST | | |

School Vision: Our vision is to live and grow together as a loving church school family, who celebrate one another's individuality. Built upon our shared Christian values, St John's provides our children with teaching of a bespoke and innovative curriculum, empowering them to flourish with the knowledge and skills for life. From our vision, we inspire our children to have uncompromising aspirations and to thrive and succeed.